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KENTUCKY STATE NATURE PRESERVES TO HOST HIKES AS PART OF WILDFLOWER WEEKEND AT NATURAL BRIDGE Event is Part of Earth Week Celebration

FRANKFORT, KY (April 9, 2009) – The Kentucky State Nature Preserves Commission (KSNPC) will partner with the Kentucky Native Plant Society to celebrate "Wildflower Weekend" April 16-19, at Natural Bridge State Park Nature Preserve in Powell County.

On Saturday, April 18, KSNPC botanist Tara Littlefield will guide nature lovers on hikes of varying levels of difficulty in search of an array of spring wildflowers. Those interested in participating will need to sign up for the hikes after their arrival at Natural Bridge. For more information, contact Park Naturalist Brian Gasdorf by e-mail at brian.gasdorf@ky.gov or call Natural Bridge at 606-663-2214 or toll free at 800-325-1710, ext. 2104.

These hikes are among activities surrounding Kentucky's celebration of Earth Day, which is Wednesday, April 22. Visit the state Earth Day Web site at www.eec.ky.gov/educationoutreach/earthday/ to learn more about Kentucky's Earth Day events.